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August 10, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

RE:

Bodega Bay Trail

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to strongly support the Bodega Bay Trails Environmental Document Project. A Conceptual Improvement Plan of the Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail was completed in September of 2005 with the involvement of an advisory committee consisting of various local organizations. The environmental document is the necessary next step for adoption of the Plan and implementation of future projects that will benefit California Coastal Trails.

Bodega Bay and the surrounding area present a challenging mix of topographic and land use constraints for the construction of a continuous section of the California Coastal Trail. The local community and public agencies worked together over five years to identify trail opportunities. The resulting Plan presents a preferred alignment of this multi-use trail and is ready for analysis of the cumulative environmental impacts and the preparation of an environmental document.

The Bodega Bay Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail will benefit Bodega Bay's 1,400 residents and many of the estimated 2 millions annual visitors along the Sonoma Coast. This project will undoubtedly enhance the tourism economy by creating a safer, clearer, and more convenient route connecting the center of the community to outlying destinations.

As someone who is proud to represent Bodega Bay in the Second Senate District, I strongly urge you to support this next step toward implementing the California Coastal Trail along the Sonoma Coast. Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

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PATRICA MIGGINS

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CC:

Deborah Hirst, State Coastal Conservancy Elizabeth Tyree, Sonoma County Regional Parks AUG-09-2007 14:10

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PATTY BERG

August 9, 2007

Douglas Bosco State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Bodega Bay Trail

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Bodega Bay Trails Environmental Document Project. As a member of the Coastal Conservancy Oversight Committee, I urge you to approve the request for funding of this next step in implementing the comprehensive plan for safe pedestrian and bicycle routes through the community of Bodega Bay. A Conceptual Improvement Plan of the Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail was completed in September of 2005. Funding now is needed to complete the process for adoption of the Plan and implementation of future projects.

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Bodega Bay is a most beautiful spot on the coast. It is enjoyed by residents and visitors alike and truly one of the jewels in the 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly District. The Bodega Bay Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail will benefit residents, visitors, and the tourism economy in general, by creating a safer, clearer, and more convenient route connecting the center of the community to outlying destinations.

Again, I urge you approve this application for funding and I thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

PATTY BERG

Assemblywoman, 1st District

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Deborah Hirst, State Coastal Conservancy Elizabeth Tyree, Sono Parks Printed on Recycled Paper Exhibit 5: Letters of Support

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August 7, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chairman State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Bodega Bay Trail

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I wish to thank the Conservancy for your support of the Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails Study. The resulting Conceptual Improvement Plan describes a safe, multi-use trail off Highway 1 to connect central Bodega Bay with outlying destinations. The environmental document is the necessary next step for adoption of the Plan and implementation of future projects. I offer my strong support for the Bodega Bay Trails Environmental Document Project.

I have been working with the community and state agencies for over five years in planning safe pedestrian and bicycle routes parallel to Highway 1. The County partnered with the Bodega Bay community, Caltrans, and State Parks to develop the Conceptual Improvement Plan. The estimate for the Environmental Document Project is \$250,000. The County's request for a \$100,000 grant will be matched by \$150,000 in Sonoma County funds.

The Bodega Bay Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail will benefit the 1,400 residents of Bodega Bay and many of the two million annual visitors traveling along the Sonoma Coast by creating a safer and more convenient route for pedestrians and cyclists.

Thank you for considering funding this critical next step in implementing the California Coastal Trail along the Sonoma Coast.

Sincerely,

Mike Reilly

Fifth District Supervisor

cc: Deborah Hirst, State Coastal Conservancy

Elizabeth Tyree, Sonoma County Regional Parks

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August 9, 2007

Douglas Bosco State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

RE:

Bodega Bay Trail

Dear Chairman Bosco:

We are writing in support of the Bodega Bay Trails Environmental Document Project. A Conceptual Improvement Plan of the Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail was completed in September of 2005. State Parks was a participant in the preparation of this plan. Now we are at the next step, ready to prepare the environmental document that is necessary for adoption of the Plan and implementation of future projects.

Bodega Bay and the surrounding area present a challenging mix of topographic and land use constraints for the construction of a continuous multi-use section of the California Coastal Trail. The local community and public agencies worked together over five years to identify trail opportunities. The resulting Plan presents a preferred alignment of this multi-use trail and is ready for analysis of the cumulative environmental impacts and the preparation of an environmental document.

Implementation of the Bodega Bay Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail will benefit the community and visitors alike. There are proposals in this plan that will provide linkages between the State Park and the community of Bodega Bay. The end result will be safer travel for all, and improvement of recreational opportunities in the area.

Thank you for considering funding this next step toward implementing the California Coastal Trail along the Sonoma Coast.

Sincerely,

Liz Burko

District Superintendent

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Deborah Hirst, State Coastal Conservancy Elizabeth Tyree, Sonoma County Regional Parks

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August 13, 2007

Douglas Bosco State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Bodega Bay Trail

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The Bodega Bay Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail will benefit residents, visitors, and the tourism economy in general by creating a safer, clearer, and more convenient route connecting the center of the community to outlying destinations.

Thank you for considering funding this next step toward implementing the California Coastal Trail along the Sonoma Coast.

Sincerely,

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August 8, 2007

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Re: Bodega Bay Trail Environmental Document

Dear Chairman Bosco,

On behalf of the Sonoma County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (SCBPAC), I am writing in support of the Bodega Bay Trails Environmental Document Project. A Conceptual Improvement Plan of the Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail was completed in September of 2005. The environmental document is the necessary next step for adoption of the Plan and implementation of future projects.

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Thank you for considering funding this next step toward implementing the California Coastal Trail along the Sonoma Coast.

Sincerely,

Steven Schmitz, Staff

Sonoma County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

cc:

Deborah Hirst, State Coastal Conservancy Elizabeth Tyree, Sonoma County Regional Parks SCBPAC Members

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August 8, 2007

Douglas Bosco State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Bodega Bay Trail - Sonoma County

Dear Chair Bosco:

This letter requests your support for Coastal Conservancy funding of the Bodega Bay Trail Environmental Document Project. The Trail is an important link in the California Coastal Trail and a much needed and long sought community path.

I am a resident of Bodega Bay. I was a member of the Bodega Bay Pedestrian and Bicycle Path Advisory Committee, appointed by Supervisor Mike Reilly. The committee oversaw the planning and public participation process that resulted in 2005 Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails Study Conceptual Improvement Plan.

Preparation of the Conceptual Improvement Plan was supported financially by the Coastal Conservancy and Sonoma County. It was developed with staff support from many local, regional and state public agencies and with extensive citizen participation.

The lack of an Environmental Impact Report has been the barrier to proceeding to construction of this long anticipated Trail in our community. Completing the EIR will allow projects outlined in the Conceptual Plan to compete for grants and other capital commitments at the county, regional and state levels and program the regional transportation sales tax (Measure M) dollars earmarked for the Trail.

As I know you are familiar with Bodega Bay, I am sure you would agree that the coastal environment of Bodega Bay presents a challenging mix of topographic and land use constraints to construction of a continuous multi-use section of the California Coastal Trail. The current lack of a Trail creates a safety challenge for residents and tourists alike wishing to walk or bicycle, for example to the Post Office, local grocery stores, restaurants, shops, the Community Center or to visit friends living in different parts of the community. The local community and public agencies' staffs worked together over five years to identify trail opportunities that

would create a safe, clear, convenient route connecting key community facilities, locations and surrounding destinations such as the Sonoma County Regional Parks and the Sonoma Coast State Park beaches. The Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail will benefit residents and visitors alike.

Thank you for considering funding this step forward in implementing the California Coastal Trail along the Sonoma Coast. The residents of Bodega Bay will be most grateful for the efforts of the Conservancy to forward the Trail in our community, for the benefit of many.

Yours Truly,

Norma Jellison

Resident of Bodega Bay

Member Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Path Advisory Committee

cc: Deborah Hirst, State Coastal Conservancy Elizabeth Tyree, Sonoma County Regional Parks

Supervisor Mike Reilly

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The Bodega Bay Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail will benefit residents, visitors, and the tourism economy in general by creating a safer, clearer, and more convenient route connecting the center of the community to outlying destinations. I have personally had to jump out of the way on several occasions so as not to be hit by cars while walking from my former home in Salmon Creek to Bodega Bay as well as walking through the town of Bodega Bay.

Thank you for considering funding this next step toward implementing the California Coastal Trail along the Sonoma Coast. I am convinced it will likely save people from being hurt or worse as well as encourage local residents to walk and ride bikes for local business rather than drive unnecessarily.

Sincerely,

Lisa Valentine Bodega Bay Grange Executive Committee

cc: Deborah Hirst, State Coastal Conservancy

Elizabeth Tyree, Sonoma County Regional Parks

August 10, 2007

Douglas Bosco State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

RE:

Bodega Bay Trail

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Bodega Bay Trails Environmental Document Project. I am the President of the Bodega Bay Grange. Our Grange, as one of our community service efforts, chose safe walkways and bikeways in and through Bodega Bay as a priority activity several years ago. We brought our concerns to Supervisor Reilly who immediately formed an advisory committee to address the problems.

We hosted monthly meetings of the committee and several of our members have served on the committee for the last six years. In 2005, the Conceptual Improvement Plan of the Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail was completed. The environmental document is the necessary next step for adoption of the Plan and implementation of future projects.

There is no safe route for residents to go to the post office on foot or bicycle. The dangerous Highway One is the only walkway or bikeway for residents or visitors to travel through town. The result is that residents and visitors add to the problem by using their cars for all intra community transit.

The Bodega Bay Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail will benefit residents and visitors by creating a safe route connecting the center of the community to outlying destinations.

Thank you for considering funding this next step toward implementing the California Coastal Trail along the Sonoma Coast.

Sincerely, David C Lewis

David C. Lewis

President, Bodega Bay Grange

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Elizabeth Tyree, Sonoma County Regional Parks